

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, Claims 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 21 and 23 were amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 13, 16-20, 22, 24 and 25 remain unchanged, and Claim 26 was added. Claims 1-26 are pending. No new matter is added. An Abstract of the Disclosure is attached on a separate sheet.

This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice by, *inter alia*, eliminating multiple dependencies from the claims and adding section headings to the specification.

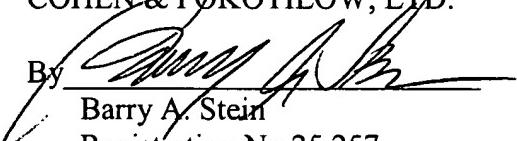
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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